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Mr. Bill Fisch
Chair
Regional Municipality of York, Newmarket Health Centre
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Dear Mr. Fisch:

Last year, the McGuinty government unveiled an ambitious health reform plan. I would like to thank you for your continuing effort and co-operation in working with my Ministry to improve Ontario's health care system.

The success of our reform plan is dependent on our enhancement of resources to strengthen care in the community to relieve pressure on hospitals and improve health outcomes. To this end, we have undertaken the largest expansion of community-based health care in Ontario's history, delivering the best kind of care to Ontarians where they need it most, closer to home.

We are making significant investments in primary health care, long-term care homes, home care and mental health. We are expanding local services such as meal programs and attendant care, and are improving standards and services in long-term care.

Our plan also involves a major emphasis on healthy living and illness prevention to keep people well in the first place. A strong community sector is essential to delivering effective preventative initiatives.

As announced in the budget, total funding for Community Services will increase by \$27.5 million this fiscal year, over last year's spending.

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Your organization's share of this new 2005/06 funding is as follows:

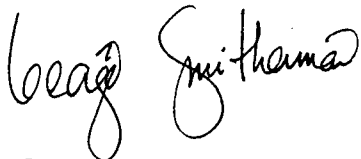
- \$263,179 base funding increase; and
- \$185,100 one-time funding.

In the coming weeks, you will receive further correspondence from the Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM), Community Health Division, outlining the details of this new funding, including any accountability requirements and sign-backs concerning your allocation. Where applicable, funding increases are also contingent upon approval and execution of your 2005/06 accountability agreement. Your increased cash flow will be initiated as soon as possible and your final cash flow will subsequently be adjusted based on your 2005/06 sign-back of the accountability agreement.

I have written to you earlier this year and arranged for you to receive your new funding so your agency can start planning and delivering its services. At this time, however, I would ask that you refrain from communicating this information beyond your necessary stakeholder engagements until the Ministry has publically announced its funding for your program.

I would like to take this opportunity to again convey my sincere appreciation for the considerable contributions all members of your organization make in the provision of health services in your communities.

Yours truly,



George Smitherman
Minister

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